6. Member Mr. Kaipilli Ayyappa Menon Nil
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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the figures supplied it is seen that two of the members did not attend any of the 28 meetings held by the Panchayat. Was any action taken by the Government regarding this?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Action is being taken.

President.—What action?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Notices have been issued to show cause why they should not be removed from the Panchayat.

President.—Have they sent in their explanations?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They have not.

The Manappattu chira.

164. **Mr. O. R. Chummar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided the question of raising the Manappattu *chira* in Malayattur village; if they have decided, what is the decision?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not yet decided.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—May I know, Sir, when this question was taken up for consideration by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say exactly. It may be 4 or 5 years ago.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Have they investigated it completely?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The survey was completed.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—What was the result of the survey?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The raising of the *chira* may not be commensurate with the amount spent.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—I am not able to catch the meaning of the Hon'ble Member.

President.—That is, commensurate with the income which the Government will get by the erection of this *chira*.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—By how many feet are they going to raise this *chira*?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We intended to raise it by two or three feet.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—From the figures supplied in the answers to my question, it is seen that the Government could get about 10 per cent.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not know how you inferred that.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—It was in answer to a question in the Meenam sitting.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I searched for that question, but I was not able to find it out.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—In the Meenam session, this was one of the reasons given by the Hon'ble Member for Agriculture and Panchayats that the land-holders near the *chira* objected to it. May I know whether any local gentlemen objected to it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

165. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there are complaints about the rules regarding the supply of water that is now stored within Manappattu *chira*;

(b) whether the Government are refusing water for the cultivation of any field lying within the local limits within which water is supplied; if so, why;

(c) whether any excess water is let out of the *chira* during the monsoon time, and whether the excess water thus let out is allowed to be diverted for use of 'കാൽ' cultivation; if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) There was no refusal to supply water to any of the lands included in the Ayacut list.

(c) Yes. The water so let out is being utilised for feeding the lands included in the Ayacut list.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—For the first part the answer is 'no'. Was any petition received during the last two or three months?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, there was a petition, and the fault mentioned in the petition was looked into and rectified. There was no mistake in the rule; it is only in its application.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Whether the Government are refusing water for the cultivation of any field lying within the local limits within which water is supplied, and the answer is there was no refusal to supply water to any of the lands included in the Ayacut list. That is not an answer to my question. My question is, 'is water refused to any land within which water is supplied'?

Mr. V K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not understand what he means by local limits.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Lands which are lying between the *chira* and the lands to which water is supplied.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The supply of water depends upon the elevation of the land. If the land is on a higher level than that of the tank, it may not be possible.

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